



Festival of Friends — Canada's premier festival, with summer and winter showcases of music, arts and crafts, theatre and more.



Hamilton Place — a beautiful showplace for the performing arts, home of Canada's finest symphony orchestra — "The Hamilton Philharmonic".



Winterfest — our annual winter carnival featuring dog sled races, skiing, snowmobile events, entertainment and much more.



Hamilton Region Conservation Parks — over 7,000 acres of beautiful parkland, ideal for fishing, camping, boating, hiking, winter sports, horseback riding and more.

The Bruce Trail — Part of a unique 700 km trail along the Niagara escarpment with scenic gorges and hidden waterfalls.

Children's Museum — a hands-on learning experience for children of ages 3 to 13 years.

Erland Lee (Museum) Home — view antiques and interesting artifacts where the world's first Women's Institute was formed.

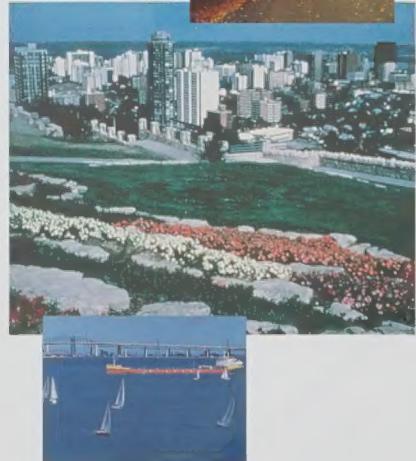
Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology — a marvel of Victorian engineering and a designated Canadian Historical sight.

Hamilton's Farmer's Market — Let your senses experience this large, colourful indoor market.



*Distances to
Greater Hamilton*

City	Miles	Kilometres
Buffalo	64	102
Boston	522	840
Chicago	487	784
Cincinnati	474	763
Cleveland	260	418
Detroit	200	322
London	78	125
Montreal	377	607
New York	508	818
Niagara Falls	47	75
Ottawa	290	467
Pittsburgh	295	475
Rochester	141	227
Syracuse	217	349
Toronto	42	68



Emergency Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance 911

Hospitals

West: Chedoke-McMaster — 1200 Main W. (416) 521-2100
Central: St. Joseph's — 50 Charlton Ave. E. (416) 522-4941
East: Hamilton General — 237 Barton St. E. (416) 527-0271
Upper City: Henderson — 711 Concession St. (416) 389-4411

Prescriptions: Sunday and After Hours

Main Street Pharmacy — 839 Main St. E.
(Open 9 a.m. — midnight, Sunday Noon — midnight)

Other Listings available under Pharmacies in Telephone Book (416) 547-2111

Dentist Referral and Emergency:

Academy of Dentistry (416) 527-8294

Poison Control Number 1-800-268-9017
(Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto)

What's Happening Now! While visiting Greater Hamilton, call the good news line 522-7772 for information on current events taking place.



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Greater Hamilton — a Region bustling with excitement! A friendly, fun-filled holiday destination where you can go wild at African Lion Safari, ride the waves at Wild Water Works, cheer on the Tiger Cats, Hamilton's professional football team, or stroll through beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens. Historic Dundurn castle, a humming harbour and a renowned art gallery are also on our long list of attractions.

Our visitors are warmed by our hospitality, as well as the affordable prices of our accommodations; ranging from five star hotels, to a host of family-priced motels, and a wide range of camping facilities. Greater Hamilton is home of some of Ontario's top entertainment and sporting facilities including Copps Coliseum and Hamilton Place, a highly acclaimed showplace for the performing arts, where our own Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra continues to affirm their billing as Canada's finest symphony orchestra.

We're conveniently located in the middle of the Golden Horseshoe (less than one hour from Toronto and Niagara Falls.)

Please read on for a listing and description of our attractions, accommodations, and our dining and shopping facilities. We look forward to welcoming you to our hospitable Region soon.

Attractions — With our many area attractions Greater Hamilton spoils you for choice! Visitors can take a cruise, take in a major sporting or entertainment event, tour a museum, walk an historic battlefield, picnic in the park, stroll through famous gardens and so much more! If you're looking for fun-filled activities — you'll find them here!



Royal Botanical Gardens

Over 2,500 acres of beautiful gardens, with famous plant collections, trails, and the Mediterranean Garden under glass. One of a handful of Botanical Gardens in the world with a Royal designation.



Whitefern — an elegant, 19th century home featuring authentic Canadiana furnishings.



Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum — an exciting sports museum dedicated to a century of Canadian football.



Art Gallery of Hamilton — one of the most outstanding public art collections in Canada.



Wild Water Works — Canada's 1st outdoor wave action pool.



Flamboro Downs — view harness racing at its best from a climate controlled grandstand or various dining areas. Home of Confederation Cup.



Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum — A collection of Canadian military aircraft. Home of the annual International Air Show.



Stoney Creek Battlefield Park — Where the battle of 1812 between the British and Americans is re-enacted.



Ben Veldhuis Greenhouses — 2 acres of greenhouses containing exotic cactuses and tropical plants.



African Lion Safari — see exotic animals and birds roaming freely on large game reserves from the comfort of your car.



Macassa Bay Tours — tour Hamilton Harbour and Lake Ontario while dining on board the MV "Macassa Bay". Experience the beauty and excitement of one of Canada's finest harbours, and see Ocean Going Vessels from around the world.



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Copps Coliseum

internationally acclaimed sporting and entertainment complex showcasing acts such as Kenny Rodgers and Walt Disney on Ice as well as Canada's Cup International Hockey. Home of the Junior A Steelhawks hockey team.



Dining — Greater Hamilton offers visitors a wide variety of relaxing dining experiences. You can enjoy exquisite Canadian cuisine in picturesque, historic, contemporary, or romantic settings. Or you can sample authentic international cuisine. For those in a hurry we can cater with fast food outlets. Bon Appetit!



Shopping — There are many major indoor shopping centres throughout Greater Hamilton. In addition, traditional downtown shopping focused around picturesque Gore Park, along with factory outlets and flea markets, offer something for every shopping budget and taste.

Accommodations — The Region boasts the finest in first class accommodations at reasonable prices. Luxurious hotels are conveniently located in the downtown core. Or, if you prefer, relaxing motels and serviced campsites are located throughout the area. In Greater Hamilton, wherever you stay, you're never more than minutes from our attractions and recreational facilities.

Culture — Greater Hamilton is home to many Festivals, Fairs and Special Events throughout the year. **FESTIVALS:** Mardi Gras, Winterfest, Bluegrass Canada, Ancaster Heritage Days, Flamborough Days, Maple Syrup Festival, It's Your Day Canada, Festival of Friends, Dundas Cactus Festival, Winona Peach Festival, Festitalia. **FAIRS:** Binkbrook Fall Fair, Ancaster Fall Fair, Rockton's World Fair. **EVENTS:** Open Hamilton, Theatre Aquarius, Hamilton Theatre Inc., Stoney Creek Flag Day, Geritol Follies, Hamilton International Air Show, Confederation Cup, Steel City Oktoberfest, Cavalcade of Chrysanthemums.

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